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Ashland PD Death Investigation

On Thursday, January 7th at approximately 11:16 AM, the Ashland Police Department received a call for service in reference to an unresponsive individual inside of a residence in the 700 block of Henry Street. Upon arrival, officers located an adult female inside of her apartment without signs of life. Hanover Fire/EMS responded to the location and the female was pronounced deceased on scene.

The female was identified as 28 year-old Ryann Kirstie Taylor of Ashland, formerly of Caroline County.

Investigators from the Ashland Police Department and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner are working in partnership with this investigation. A preliminary investigation revealed no signs of forced entry, no obvious physical injuries and no indications of a struggle within the residence.

The Ashland Police Department will continue to work with its law enforcement partners and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to fully investigate all aspects of this incident and are awaiting lab results to determine the final cause of death. Investigators are seeking information as to contacts Mrs. Taylor may have had on the evening of January 6, 2021. Anyone with information about this incident should contact the Ashland Police Department at 804-365-6140, Crime Stoppers at 780-1000 or submit a tip at www.ashlandpolice.us. Anyone submitting a tip can remain anonymous.

The Ashland Police Department would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and Hanover County Fire-EMS who provided invaluable assistance in the early stages of this investigation.

The Ashland Police Department wishes to extend their condolences to Ms. Taylor's family.